

Presenting—our top 10 players!

Mike Johnson's list of Australia's top 10 players (in no particular order), with their domestic and overseas transfer fees.

	Australia	Overseas
Ken Boden.....	\$20,000	\$50,000
Gary Cole.....	\$50,000	\$200,000
John Yzendoorn.....	\$40,000	\$120,000
Mark Jankovics.....	\$50,000	\$150,000
Peter Sharnie.....	\$45,000	\$140,000
Eddie Krncevic.....	\$45,000	\$150,000
Jim Hermiston.....	\$20,000	\$20,000
Tony Henderson.....	\$25,000	\$80,000
Steve Perry.....	\$20,000	\$80,000
Martyn Crook.....	\$25,000	\$120,000



MIKE JOHNSON

Last week I had a try at listing the 10 top coaches in the country. Even harder is to pick the 10 top players.

However, knowing how fans love to argue about the merits of this player and that I will add some fuel to that fervour.

As I stated when choosing the coaches, this type of listing obviously changes from one year to the other.

Additionally, there are severe restrictions on the number of players I see in a season, especially as I am involved with my own team.

Nevertheless I do see many games and have many conversations with coaches in State League and Philips League, plus intensive reading of the Press which all goes to give a composite picture of what is happening on our playing fields, and off them for that matter. For the purpose of this exercise I am confining myself to Philips League players to get an overall player-performance picture.

The simplest way to get an overall player performance picture is to go from club to club.

Sydney City, as always has had numerous good performers this year.

I particularly have liked Kevin Mullen and thought coach Eddie Thomson's move to make him captain was sound. If he can add more mental stability and solid defence to his excellent attacking game he can yet emerge as a great Australian player.

Murray Barnes has had a big year for the Slickers, but obviously you cannot go past the gifted Kenny Boden when looking for their best this year.

He may not be fast enough, nor strong enough for top overseas soccer, but in Australian conditions he is tops.

Heidelberg has so many players of stature, but the twin strikers Paton and Cole have had an enormous impact. Cole with his devastating physical attributes, allied to tighter control and positional astuteness, is a great striker.

John Yzendoorn has emerged as a fine all-round player, with real soccer knowledge and vision, a rarity among Australian players even at the highest level. Yzendoorn's emergence has seen the decline of Jim Rooney and brought the dynamic dribbling and shooting skills of Jim Campbell into the limelight.

Marconi's partial decline this season has coincided with the decline in recent months of Ivo Prskalo.

Mark Jankovics has not been able to handle simultaneously a move into business, representative honours and domestic soccer at Marconi with consistency, though he has scored 16 goals. Eddie Krncevic has had domestic problems and Tony Henderson injury worries.

The aging of Vieri has also been felt and even full-time Peter Sharnie failed to play consistently through the year. Bertie Lutton has been a revelation as sweeper at South Melbourne.

He is the focal point of the composure and creativity of the graceful South Melbourne team.

I congratulate coach John Margaritis on his switch of Lutton to the back four.

Young George Campbell also is starting to play again after his badly broken leg, while Ducan Campbell is at last showing some of the skills and application which along with his speed can make him a top player.

I have not seen Newcastle play but am aware of the impact that Paul Reaney has made.

Rather stereotyped, but with rock-like consistency, just like the Leeds United he grew up with, Reaney epitomises Newcastle, functional but a little short on flair.

Rale Rasic has been shouting the virtues of Agenor Muniz all season, but I was also impressed by the "wrap" that "Action" editor, Laurie Schwab, gave John Nyskohus as a midfielder recently.

Nyskohus is in his best years now.

I never really rated him as a truly top striker, but I did use him as a midfielder when I coached the South Australian State team against Middlebroough.

We lost 2-1, but Nyskohus, with his enormous work-rate was one of our better players. I notice he has also scored 11 goals this year.

Lions have Hermiston and Bennett, though I also like Milman.

Hermiston is a professional. I was impressed to watch his long, deliberate warm-up before a game last season against St. George.

Bennett is so positive and enthusiastic.

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WATSON, BANNON

Joe Watson of Sydney City beat Vince Bannon of South Melbourne Hellas into second place in our Yugoslav Airlines Player of the Year award by the narrowest of margins.

Watson finished .001 of a point ahead of Bannon, with Martyn Cook of West Adelaide in fourth place.

The winner, as announced last week, is Brisbane Lions sweeper Jim Hermiston.

In the list below, the leading ratings are broken down to three decimal points. The rest are rounded off to the nearest tenth.

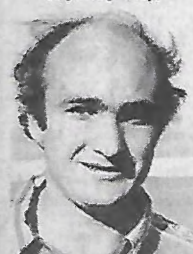
DON'T MISS NEXT WEEK'S ISSUE WE WILL PUBLISH OUR 1980 TEAM OF THE YEAR IN A DOUBLE-PAGE LIFT OUT POSTER, PLUS ALL PLAYER APPEARANCES, ALL SCORERS AND ALL RATINGS.

JAT award leaders were:
 8.3 Jim Hermiston (BU)
 8.041 Joe Watson (SC)
 8.04 Vince Bannon (SM)
 8.0 Martyn Crook (WA)
 7.916 Dennis Boland (Foot)
 7.913 Murray Barnes (SC)
 7.884 Paul Reaney (New)
 7.857 Mike Milovanovic (Can)

7.84 David Ratcliffe (BC)
 7.782 Paul Ontong (BU)
 7.789 Ken Bloden (SM), Jim Tansey, Jim Campbell (H'berg), Col Bennett (BU)
 7.76 Allan Maher (Mar)
 7.7 Perry (BC), D. Cole (Can), McMillan, Yzendoorn (H'berg), Lutton (SM),
 7.6 Mullen (SC), G. Campbell, Xanthopoulos (SM), Paton, Rooney, P. Bannon (H'berg), Muniz, Jones (AC).



Joe Watson
(Sydney City)



Vince Bannon (South Melbourne)

7.5 P. Wilson (APIA), Potter (BC), Miven, Millman (BU), Kordic (Foot), G. Cole (H'berg), Drinkwater, Bertogna (New), S. O'Connor, Stevenson (SC), Doda (AC),
 7.4 Bruce (SC), Lasmetts (SM), Sharnie, G. Byrne (Mar), R. Wilson, J. O'Shea, R. O'Shea (Can), Hogg (BU), Pointer (Black), P. O'Connor (APIA),
 7.3 Marshall, Russell, Perin, Maita (AC), Woodhouse (APIA), Jankovics (Mar), Curran (New), Spanos (SC),
 7.2 Manecas (WA), Evans (SM), Hays (New), Moulis (Can), Dempsey (APIA), J. Nyskohus, B. Nyskohus (AC),
 7.1 Turnbull (Black), T. Byrne (Can), O'Reilly, Jevanovic (Foot), Selemdis, Boziskas (H'berg), Prkalo, Krncevic (Mar), Christopoulos, Rogers (SM), Uglasevic (St. G), Bozanic (WA),
 7.0 Honeyman, Topolanski (WA), Buljevic, Cummings (SM), Jones (New), Raskopoulos (Mar), Lujic (Foot), Kelso, Wilkinson (BC), Hunter (Black), McGinn (APIA).



Essendon Croatia celebrates after winning its second successive Victorian Dockerty Cup 7-0 against Juventus at Olympic Park on Sunday. From left: official, Andrews, Kerr, Short, Mitten, Tront, Gardiner, Kokoska (observed), Gilder, Adams, official Buri; front: Blasby, Batinovc, massour Baveridge, Bilaver, Istuk, Klarin.

Picture by LES SHORROCK.

WILKES VOTES 1 SOCCER

Soccer is one of the few things booming in today's Australia, Victorian opposition leader Frank Wilkes, said at the 1980 Rothman's Medal presentation at the Southern Cross hotel.

Wilkes, the longest-serving current State parliamentarian, for 23 years the member for Northcote, followed in the footsteps of noted guests of honour like Bob Hawke, Malcolm Fraser and Sir Zelman Cowan.

"Parents regard soccer as a safer sport for their children," said Wilkes, "and if I had a choice of watching the FA Cup final on TV or the VFL grand final I'd have to choose the FA Cup final because it's the greatest spectacle."

Rousing applause greeted these remarks but Wilkes was far from finished and the VFL did not escape his sharp invective.

"When I first arrived here someone stopped me and asked me which government I was under — the Fraser government or the VFL," he said.



Victorian Opposition leader Frank Wilkes.

It's Bobby! Now Ray?

Victoria's 1980 Rothmans Medalist Bobby McGuinness of Juventus is congratulated by former Juventus president Nina Borani, the one-time Olympic cyclist, at the Southern Cross Hotel last Friday.

McGuinness won by four votes from Mike Glykolas of Western Suburbs (see pages 2 and 3). The NSW Rothmans Medal will be presented on Monday. Among the favorites is Melita Eagles midfielder Ray Farrugia (right).



REPORT from COCA-COLA BOTTLERS



TOM ANDERSON

NOW FOR THE RASPBERRIES

This is the time of year when all the accolades are handed out and trophies and cheques are won.

Best player, best coach, in fact best everything is labelled and everyone pats each other on the back for a job well done during 1980.

Ah well, I suppose it's become a bit of an institution in the game here and who am I to detract from it?

So, as the man said — if you can't beat them, join them. Here are the "Handy Andy" awards for 1980.

The best player award is a difficult one as there were many fine players in 1980. It really is heartwarming to watch the standard of play spiral and the players become more and more professional.

Taking everything into consideration my best player in 1980 is the Sydney City thoroughbred Ken Boden.

Boden won by a short head from the brilliant John Yzen-doom of Heidelberg.

Ken Boden for me is skill personified and a player with the ability to win a game off his own bat.

His performances for Sydney City and Australia this year have been truly magnificent.

To select the coach of the year is a difficult job as there also have been a number of fine coaching performances.

Again after much deliberation, I go to Sydney City and give my award to Eddie Thomson, the championship-winning coach.

This was Thomson's first year at the helm and what more could he do than win the coveted title?

Mind you, I would give every coach in the PSL an award. With some of our administrators to contend with they have a big job on their hands.

For me, the best young player of the year has been Eddie Krncevic of Marconi, a real star of the future.

Krncevic has talent unlimited and if his development con-

tinues the sky's the limit for him.

Now, from the "Handy Andy" awards, I go to the "Raspberry Awards" for 1981. These are given for some of the happenings we could have done without during the season.

The number one raspberry award I definitely will give to Mr Rik Booth and his new marketing company.

How's that Mr Booth — an award after only six months in football!

I give Mr Booth his raspberry for his attempt (I will call it an attempt for I'm sure that commonsense will prevail and the clubs will throw it out when they meet in March) to introduce summer soccer to Australia.

Another raspberry award must go to the Booth organisation for its handling of this, the century year of Australian soccer.

It must be the worst-conducted century year celebrated anywhere in the world and certainly deserves a loud "raspberry."

Another raspberry is awarded to the ASF for its failure to define promotion and relegation in the PSL.

Once again this has been left until the end of the season and will bring nothing but argument and trouble.

For my overseas raspberry I will give it to the Mexican team that visited here — for a performance of bad-tempered and sulky play.

Let's hope they don't visit for a long time to pick up this award. One visit is enough from the Mexicans.

My last raspberry award is a "group award" and it goes to all those people selling their souls and credibility for favors from Mr Rik Booth and his

marketing company and for a job with ethnic TV.

The scurry in this direction is so great it's sickening. Some of these poor souls have to be pitied.

Well, they're my awards for this year. If you've missed out, please don't fret — there's always next year.

Off again on again NZ game off again

Australia's proposed match against New Zealand is off again.

It was on, then it was off, then it was set "definitely" for 29 October.

Now it's "definitely" off — apparently because New Zealand has changed its mind.

Socceroo coach Rudi Gutendorf is disappointed. He had looked forward to getting revenge for the Socceroos' 1-0 loss in Auckland last year.

Perhaps New Zealand's 0-4 and 0-3 losses to Canada had something to do with the Kiwi's withdrawal.

Meanwhile, the Socceroos' proposed world tour next month still has not been finalised.

Gutendorf is unhappy about the plan to play two matches against New Zealand on the way back from Europe.

"It is not good for the players to come from the cold of Europe to the tropical weather and play such hard games at the end of the tour when they are tired," he said.

Eagles vie for NSW Rothmans

Competition from within is a problem faced by the stars of NSW champions Melita Eagles in the Rothmans Medal count on Monday.

The midfield pair of Ray Farrugia and John Soddard were the inspiration of the team, but breakthrough forwards Don Allen and Richie Williams and overlapping full back Mike Berry also must have polled strongly.

Veteran John McDonald of Auburn has won the Rothmans Medal twice and was runner-up last season. His busy style always assures him of consistent votes, so he should do well again this year.

Alan Lee of Blacktown won the 1979 medal with a record total of 36 votes, so he again is among the favorites.

Lee was an outsider in last year's count. It will be interesting to see whether a favorite wins this time, or whether a dark horse gets up again.

Top vote-getters in previous years:

- 1970
22. George Blues (APIA)
21. Lee Scheinflug (Marconi)
19. Horst Schneider (Auburn), Stratan Refanelli (Yugali), John McGinnigle (South Coast)
16. John Roche (Marconi)

- 1971
31. John Watkins (Hakoah)
22. George Blues (APIA)
22. Jack Trukla (Yugali)
21. George McCulloch (Pan Hellenic), Jimmy Rooney (Pregui), Doug Ugeanovic (St. George)

- 1972
30. Manfred Schaefer (St. George)
28. Col Bennett (Sutherland)
23. Jimmy Rooney (APIA), Jack Trukla (Yugali)
21. Tony Byrler (APIA)
20. Lee Hucker (Auburn)

- 1973
30. John McDonald (Auburn)
26. Billy Vojtek (Croatia)
25. Johnny Warren (St. George)
19. Peter Wilson (Safeway Utd), Jimmy Rooney (APIA)
16. John Doyle (Croatia)

- 1974
13. Mike Trebilcock (Western Suburbs), won on countback from Allan Maher (Sutherland)
16. Lee Hucker (Auburn)
17. Peter Ollerton (APIA), Col Curran (Western Suburbs)
16. Jimmy Rooney (APIA)

- 1975
28. John McDonald (Sutherland)
22. Malcolm Haynes (Sutherland)
21. Jimmy Rooney (APIA), Maurice Sullivan (Croatia)
20. Harry Williams (St. George)

- 1976
32. Bruce Stowell (Pan Hellenic)
26. Doug Ugeanovic (St. George)
25. Phil O'Connor (Wollongong City)
20. Richie Bell (Pan Hellenic)

- 1977
26. John Watkins (Sutherland)
24. John Margreaves (Bankstown)
22. Artie Abonyi (Croatia)
19. Alex Gray (Avalah)
18. Craig Hall (Sutherland)
17. Bobby Russell (Croatia)

- 1978
27. Terry Butler (APIA), won on countback from Alan Bankhead (Avalah)
26. Bobby Russell (Croatia)
25. Andy Tracy (Auburn), Craig Hall (Sutherland)
23. John McDonald (Auburn)

- 1979
36. John Lee (Bankstown)
33. John McDonald (Auburn)
32. Walter Valesi (Inter Monaro)
25. David Jack (Manly)
22. Don Allen (Melita Eagles)
21. Artie Abonyi (Croatia)
20. Sebastian Giampolo (Inter Monaro)

- 1980
19. Greg Lynch (Bankstown), Bobby Smith (Sutherland)



George Bozikis



Tony van Baar



Tony Simitiz



Paul Briscoe



Yasha Behich

Former South Melbourne Hellas forward George Bozikis of Northcote City, has won the Victorian First Division best player award on a count-back from John Luyten of Ringwood City.

Both polled 25 votes. Bozikis may have had a future with Hellas had it not been for injury. Luyten is a long-serving Ringwood player who came up through the junior ranks.

Tommy Fox, the former George Cross and Makedonia midfielder now with Dandenong City, finished third, two votes behind.

Next came Mike Kupinic (ex JUST and Croydon) and Ian McCarthy (ex-Lions, Melbourne, Sunshine, Ajax), both of Richmond.

Former State representative Jimmy Smart who played in top company for Lions, George Cross and Juventus, and who joined Springfield only this year, did well to poll 18 votes.

Tony van Baar of Morwell Falcons won the Second Division award by default, as Danny Aecski of Footscray JUST, who polled the most votes (21) was disqualified because he was sent off during the season. Also disqualified was Part Melbourne's O'Toole.

Paul Drinovsky of Melbourne and Pat McElhinney (ex-Slavians) of Park Rangers were equal second with 15 votes, four behind van Baar.

Nippy forward Tony Simitiz of St Albans won the Third Division award with 19 points. He has had stints with Inter Monaro and Olympic in Canberra.

Paul "The Hulk" Briscoe must rank among the top recruits of the year. He joined Mornington during the off-season from Melbourne and capped a fine season by winning the Fourth Division award on count-back from team mate Malcolm Jones.

Jones also was in his first season with Mornington, having joined the club from Frankston.

The next two places in the voting were filled by Werribee players John Martin (ex JUST) and Kaz Piotrowski (ex Sunshine City).

Young Nick van Egmond Jr., outpooled his father Nick Sr., who is player-coach of Mornington. Nick Jr. polled 12 votes.

The awards in the Provisional League went to Division One: Yasha Behich (Royal Park).

Division Two: Joe Szabo (Hawksburn).

Division Three: Jim Symington (Shepparton City).

Szabo and Symington are

former State League players, Szabo with Melbourne and Symington with Juventus and Slavia. Voting details:

- DIVISION I**
G. Bozikis Northcote City 25.
J. Luyten Ringwood City 25.
T. Fox Dandenong City 23.
M. Kupinic Richmond 19.
I. McCarthy Richmond 19.
J. Smart Springfield City 18.
J. O'Callahan Ringwood City 16.
S. Irvine Devonport 15.
P. Corke Devonport 13.
J. Herman Maribyrnong 13.
M. D'Sylva Albion Rovers 12.
C. Prestaki Altona City 12.
R. Kraljevski Altona City 11.
R. Nisbett Albion Rovers 11.
A. Capnik Maribyrnong 10.
B. Lekic Maribyrnong 10.
A. Lee Morfeland 10.
A. McCannville Devonport 10.
E. Marwick Devonport 10.
J. Webb Kallaroo 10.

- DIVISION II**
T. Van Baar Morwell Falcons 19.
P. Drinovsky Melbourne 15.
P. McElhinney Park Rangers 15.
P. Hatzidimitriou South Melbourne 14.
J. Kiriakis Footscray 14.
N. Melita Heidelberg United 13.
T. Drinovsky Melbourne 12.
G. Irvine Morwell Falcons 12.
G. Koukas Heidelberg United 12.
D. Stuart Park Rangers 11.
K. Webster Knox City 11.
M. Olinovsky Andover 10.
M. Sinclair Knox City 10.
R. Traficanta South Melbourne 10.
P. Whitehurst Waverley City 10.
C. Yenikos Heidelberg United 10.

- DIVISION III**
T. Simitiz St. Albans 19.
D. Tracy Prahran City 17.
C. Sabidussi Fawkner 17.
J. Martin Werribee 16.
R. Mitchell Frankston Pines 15.
S. Murray Frankston Pines 14.
J. Stanbury Yallourn 14.
F. Fragale Fawkner 13.
G. Wilson Yallourn 13.
J. Goodman Chelsea 12.
M. Sacco Broadmeadows City 12.
L. Gooney Eltham 11.
N. Monasse Fawkner 11.
A. Schapero Fawkner 11.
J. Cameron Frankston Pines 10.
M. McCulliken Heidelberg 10.
D. Payne Eltham 10.
R. Sowerby Prahran City 10.
H. Young Farmrose Gully 10.

- DIVISION IV**
P. Briscoe Mornington 19.
M. Jones Mornington 19.
J. Martin Werribee 16.
K. Piotrowski Werribee 16.
P. Thompson Sandringham City 15.
E. Smole Monash University 13.
C. Thompson Werribee 14.
D. Grundy Sandringham City 13.
E. Smole Monash University 13.
N. Murray Mooroolbark 12.
T. Solcina Keysborough 12.
N. Van Egmond Jr. Mornington 12.
J. Bedford Mooroolbark 11.
W. Garland North Dandenong 11.
P. Gray Corio 11.
K. Klein Werribee 11.
S. Moyle Nunawading City 11.
K. Nielsen Corio 11.
J. Sheahan Mooroolbark 11.
S. Harburn Sandringham City 10.
J. Maleic Corio 10.

- DIVISION V**
J. Sympington Shepparton City 21.
T. Mooney Rosanna 21.
S. Bazzone Hagen 20.
D. Shaper South Dandenong 18.
F. McColgan Mooroolbark 15.
S. Bowker Boronia 15.
M. Gannell Bullen 15.
J. Murre Shepparton City 15.
V. Lia Shepparton City 14.
D. Dula North Geelong 13.
D. Sharp Broadmeadows City 13.
J. Sampson Rosanna 13.
R. Bowler Boronia 11.
C. Greer Bullen 11.
S. Ionnidis Postal Institute 11.
S. Vuckovic North Geelong 11.
B. Bedford Boronia 10.
M. Scioia Regent 10.
A. Spender Bullen 10.
K. White Boronia 10.

- DIVISION I**
Y. Behich Royal Park 21.
G. K. Roberts Royal Park 20.
M. Banagan Melton 19.
G. Malkoulis Essendon City 18.
R. Collins Sunbury United 16.
D. Stokes Sunbury United 16.
J. Kerr Rosobud 14.
J. Pires Clayton 14.
R. Fridley Hamlyn Rangers 12.
L. Stergiou South Okeleigh 12.
J. Campbell Sunbury United 11.
T. Futone Hamlyn Rangers 11.
M. Gilligan Sunbury United 10.
S. McMillan Sunbury United 10.
K. Prior Hamlyn Rangers 10.

- DIVISION II**
J. Szabo Hawkeburn 26.
H. Papadopoulos Thomastown 24.
J. Mills Carlton 19.
C. Karanitis Thomastown 16.
P. Bourne Karingal 15.
D. Govier Langwarrin 15.
B. Gunn Ballarat 12.
L. Ilavski Central Altona 11.
A. Ristic Carlton 11.
C. Rizzo Thomastown 11.
J. Nadeau University of Melb. 10.
N. Plaskett Karingal 10.
A. Mihailos Hawthorn Citizens 10.
P. Richardson University of Melb. 10.
R. Romain Ballarat 10.

- DIVISION III**
J. Sympington Shepparton City 21.
T. Mooney Rosanna 21.
S. Bazzone Hagen 20.
D. Shaper South Dandenong 18.
F. McColgan Mooroolbark 15.
S. Bowker Boronia 15.
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Rudi Gutendorf
Labour leader backs soccer
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Labour leader backs soccer

"The fight between the VSF and the VFL will be sorted out in the long term because there is room for both codes in this State and they can complement rather than combat each other."

By now Wilkes had a captive audience and he made a series of points backing his recognition of the importance of soccer not just in Victoria but in Australia.

"Soccer is easier to follow than Australian Rules football and soccer can improve its playing standard by importing overseas talent, something Australian Rules can't do."

"I am told there are 48,000 people participating in soccer in the State and 1100 teams within the greater metropolitan area of Melbourne," Wilkes continued.

"This indicates the strength of soccer and the trend is obvious when you consider that Victoria is not the strongest Soccer state."

Wilkes believes ethnic TV's coverage of Australian soccer will be a major boost to the code and will encourage greater spectator participation.

He thinks next year's Coca-Cola world youth finals will be a great spectacle through which soccer can flourish. Similarly the 1982 World Cup finals in Spain are important to Australian soccer, he said.

"The World Cup is the showcase of soccer and it will be a great achievement for Australia to qualify," he said.

"Politics may founder but sport will prevail and tonight's presentation augurs well for soccer and I wish the code every success in this State," he said.

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St. Albans, 'Cross may link up

Victorian State League soccer club George Cross may amalgamate with Third Division club St. Albans.

And Slavia also may lose its identity after having been relegated from the State League.

George Cross and St. Albans have been negotiating a possible merger for some weeks. It would give St Albans State League status and George Cross a home ground.

The Saints have two playing pitches, a training pitch, a small social club building and a separate dressing rooms-toilet block at Churchill reserve in Fox Street, St. Albans.

George Cross has no ground of its own. It has been playing at Olympic Park greyhound stadium this season.

If the merger comes about, the club probably would be called St Albans-George Cross in the first year and then revert back to St. Albans.

It would give the suburb of St. Albans its second State League club. The other is Green Gully Ajax which, like George Cross, has predominantly Maltese support.

However, Croatian interests also are trying hard to gain control of St Albans.

St. Albans' top players are David Abela, Joe Pavlekovic Ivan Karlovic and Tony Simitzi who has won the 1980 Third Division best player award.

The Saints were relegated from the Second Division last season but in their best years, 1965 and 1966, they narrowly missed out on promotion to State League.

Their past stars include Spiro Fragopoulos, Matze Landherr, Joe and Franz Marth, Kaz Klein, Eddie Kupisz, Rolf Reinroth, and Lou Denys.

George Cross won the Australia Cup in 1964 and the State League championship and State League Cup as recently as 1977 but like so many of the fading soccer giants, it failed to establish a home ground and therefore has lost most of its support over the years.

Amalgamation would halt the slide. Slavia finds itself in the same dilemma. Without its own ground, Slavia has been playing to the empty terraces of the huge Showgrounds for the past two years.

It has survived by importing players from the U.K. but can no longer do so because the Australian Soccer Federation has imposed strict import quotas.

Whereas it collected handsome transfer fees in the past for imported players like John Yzendoorn, Jim Tansey, Jim O'Reilly, Stan Ackerley, Hammy McMeen, Jamie Paton and Carl Gilder, Slavia now has only bills and no income.

Without continued State League status to motivate them, the small band of Slavia stalwarts now may opt for amalgamation.

There have been rumors that Slavia will link up with Fourth Division club Chelsea or sell out to an ambitious Provisional League or District League club.

The only alternative is to run a purely amateur team next year. — LAURIE SCHWAB



Mike Glykokalamos (second from left) with gentlemen of the Greek Press, from left: Manos Mihiotis ("Hellenic Herald"), Elias Donoudis ("Neos Kosmos"), Jimmy Bakatsoulas and Con Nikolaopoulos (both "Athletic Echo"). Picture: STEVE CHATZIS

Glykokalamos may be new coach

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Mike Glykokalamos has lost none of his enthusiasm after his two big disappointments of the season. He reckons Western Suburbs will return to the State League "easily" next year.

And although he's 34 now, Glykokalamos intends to play for at least another five years, so he aims to make up for his loss in the Rothmans Medal this year by winning it in 1982, after Wests' predicted comeback.

Glykokalamos, with 30 votes, was runner-up to Medal winner Bobby McGuinness (34 votes) at the Southern Cross Hotel on Friday night.

Despite the fine play of Glykokalamos Western Suburbs

have been relegated after only one season in the State League.

Everyone regrets now that Mimis Papaioannou was not flown out from Greece the way he was last year. That was the plan mid-way through the season, but when the team started getting a few results, the committee decided it was good enough to escape the drop without Papaioannou's help.

Glykokalamos is in the same category as Adrian Alston who made it back home only after getting to the top in Australia. Alston left Preston North End to play for South Coast and Marconi in Australia, and then was bought by Luton Town after playing for the Soccereros in the 1974 World Cup finals.

Glykokalamos came to Australia from Greece in 1982 and it was only after eight years with Brunswick Athens that he returned to play in the Greek First Division.

He joined Panetolikos in the Second Division and quickly was appointed captain. In his third year there, he led the club to promotion to First Division by one point.

During this time, he was selected to play for the national amateur team against England. He received a telegram while on holidays on the island of Kalymnos but was unable to get back in time to play.

Before leaving Greece the first time, Glykokalamos made his senior debut with Fourth Division club Kazanlis at the age of only 13. He was the youngest player in Greece to have played senior league soccer.

He came to Australia with his parents and joined Athena

in the Metropolitan League. He was a forward then and in the 1965-66 season he displayed all his brilliance in scoring 49 goals.

Before he went to Greece, Glykokalamos switched from Athens to Alexander (Heidelberg United), for a \$500 transfer fee plus two players in exchange. He played the 1970 season for Alexander and returned to the club from Panetolikos in 1976.

He played for Alexander in its last State League season and made 14 PSL appearances in 1977 before with coach John Margaritis resulted in Glykokalamos making an exit to the bench and then to Western Suburbs the following year.

Glykokalamos recalled his clash with Margaritis:

"Before our game against Marconi in 1977, I was injured and I couldn't play. John asked me to play and I am the type of man who would do anything to play, but I couldn't. My ankle was too bad."

"We lost 8-1 to Marconi and on the Tuesday, John wouldn't talk to me. The Greek papers wrote that if I had played, we wouldn't have lost by so many goals. John asked me if I had any friends writing for me on the papers and told me to tell them to stop."

"Then I was on the bench for a few weeks and came back only because Bob Provan was suspended. That was against Mooroolbark, and I played well — one of the best."

"Then I played another good game, when we won 2-0, but against Olympic John dropped me."

"He said from now on I would play only half games, or

Bobby McGuinness, winner of the 1980 Victorian Rothmans medal was confident of winning throughout the voting at the Southern Cross hotel last Friday night.

"Yes, I was pretty sure I would go close," said the Juventus dynamo after the medal count.

McGuinness thanked former Juventus first team coach Manny Poulakakis for the help given throughout the season but it was his team mate Tony

Heery who received most of McGuinness' praise. Liverpool "The wee man (Heery) has been great behind me this season and if I feared anyone in the medal count it was him," said McGuinness.

The Rothmans Medal win was the pinnacle of McGuinness' career in Australia which started when former Sydney City and Hellas coach Dave MacLaren lured the diminutive Scot to the beaches of Bondi.

McGuinness played with Motherwell in Scotland until 1976 when former Liverpool great Ian St. John decided to buy McGuinness for Portsmouth, then in the English Second Division.

When given the chance to come to Australia McGuinness wasted little time and joined Sydney City but their relationship ended when MacLaren moved to Hellas and took the wee Scot with him.

MacLaren's now famous assessment of McGuinness being too small for PSL football has been a cross which the Juve star has had to bear.

"This Rothmans win shows Hellas that I'm better than they gave me credit for and now that I've proved myself the laugh's on them," said McGuinness.

"I've done enough without the Rothmans win to prove that I can play PSL football but there is no doubt that many PSL sides look at players with some sort of awe to their credit."

"I just want to do well in the Victoria Cup and I'll discuss terms with Juventus at the end of the season."

McGuinness' contract with Juventus expires at the end of November but he has no maximum clause in his contract and Juventus is unlikely, given the reputedly unstable nature of its finances, to allow its star striker to leave without recouping a healthy fee.

"I think I'll be moving on," said McGuinness, "but I'll wait and see, as the club probably will offer me a new contract. With no maximum on my head it's a bit worrying wondering what Juventus might ask for me."

"I find it hard to play with all the trouble around the club."

McGuinness' thanks to Poulakakis at the presentation night was deliberate because he felt indebted to the departed first team coach now in charge of the Juventus under-19's.

"I got on well with Manny and he showed faith in me when all the knackers wanted to drop me," McGuinness said.

"I went four consecutive games without scoring this season, and there was heaps of pressure on me. You could hear people knocking you after the game."

"But I am indebted to Juventus for giving me the chance to prove myself and particularly to Tony Boggi

who convinced the people at the top to buy me from Hellas."

"Tony was as happy as I was when I won the Rothmans."

I reminded McGuinness of his comments in his "On The Ball" article in "Soccer Action" earlier this year when he described Juventus as a "great club because there is a terrific family atmosphere there and the people are a good bunch."

"Yes, I remember saying that but that was how Juventus was then," he said.

"But things have changed a lot and I'd love to play with a better, happier club now," he ended.

But the sadness McGuinness feels with the problems at Juventus and the club's hefty 7-0 loss in the Victorian Docketry Cup final can be swept away with the reminder of his popular Rothmans win.

Makedonia 84

TEAM	NO. OF PLAYERS	NO. OF GOALS
Athens City	18	58
Cyprus City	9	54
Enosis City	10	76
Franklin City	12	82
Georgia Cross	9	85
Gwyn Gully	10	83
Juventus	12	77
Pravara Slavia	11	56
Preston Makedonia	11	82
Sandwich City	11	84
St. Kilda/Hakoah	10	84
Western Suburbs	10	82
	129	762

Wilkinson, Cullen share third

* Denotee player suspended — not eligible for award.

34. McGuinness (Juventus).

35. Glykokalamos (Western Suburbs).

36. Wilkinson (George Cross), Cullen (Preston).

37. McGowan (Croydon).

38. Maitland (George Cross), Faulkner (Preston), Muscat (Sunshine).

39. Pongho (Croydon), Vassallo (Green Gully), Morrey (Green Gully), Pugliese (Slavia), McMillan (Preston).

40. Smith (Croydon), Kokoska (Croatia), Dunne (Green Gully).

41. Wattars (Altona), Buchanan (Frankston), Babbon (Hakoah), J. Dupuis (Western Suburbs).

42. Crew (Altona), J. Little (Altona), Gilder (Croatia), J. Wall (Frankston), Heery (Juventus), Ward (Preston), McRoberts (Sunshine).

9. Gardiner (Croatia), Andrews (Croatia), Adams (Croatia), Cullen (Slavia), Pocock (Sunshine).

10. Short (Croatia), Trent (Croatia), Parton (Frankston), Haupt (Slavia), McGowan (Slavia), French (Hakoah), Kest (Hakoah).

11. Lawia (Altona), Carnell (Altona), Murphy (Croydon), Murphy (Croatia), Papazis (George Cross), Cullen (Juventus).

12. Whitehead (Frankston), Adams (Frankston), Ziegelaar (George Cross), Ziegelaar (Green Gully), Higham (Preston), Ollerton (Preston), Gadsby (Hakoah).

13. Whyte (Altona), Van Der Poel (Altona), McKinley (Croydon), Dwyer (Gully), Heery (George Cross), Amos (George Cross), Bennett (Green Gully), Crino (Juventus), Hiltovski (Juventus), Laing (Sunshine), Nelson (Sunshine), Webster (Hakoah), Mitandis (Western Suburbs), Doornbos (Croydon), Young (Frankston), Cooper (Frankston), Castiello (George Cross), Patten (Green Gully), Voyta (Green Gully), Williams (Slavia), Brindis (Slavia), C. Luchesi (Preston), Rainey (Preston), Baker (Hakoah), O'Hara (Hakoah).

14. Mitten (Croatia), McCluskey (Frankston), Catalaj (George Cross), Segg (Green Gully), Gillen (Juventus), Reilly (Juventus), Sabi-

dusi (Juventus), Tarquinio (Juventus), Whitehead (Slavia), Leubler (Preston), Petrovski (Preston), Nelson (Sunshine), Morovic (Sunshine), Clarke (Sunshine), Donaldson (Sunshine), Foides (Hakoah), Rigby (Hakoah), Gibson (Hakoah), Edmondson (Hakoah), Kupisz (Western Suburbs), Grieschen (Western Suburbs), Kyprildis (Western Suburbs), Jaworski (Western Suburbs).

15. Gramabagen (Altona), Edwards (Croydon), Whyte (Croydon), Valli (Frankston), Luca (Frankston), Cowan (George

Cross), Bennie (Green Gully), Cavallari (Juventus), Pye (Slavia), Wade (Slavia), Ward (Slavia), Beech (Preston), Ellis (Sunshine), Hakoah, Wilson (Hakoah), Doonan (Hakoah), Peraskos (Western Suburbs), Carr (Western Suburbs).

16. M. Little (Altona), Hayland (Altona), Loughane (Croydon), Cumming (Croatia), Webb (Frankston), Dwyer (Green Gully), Della Rocca (Juventus), Croun (Juventus), Ulicica (Slavia), Theodorides (Western Suburbs).

OUR TOP TEN PLAYERS

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Those qualities are important to any club and worth a lot of money. Brisbane City has Steve Perry, Australia's most improved player.

APIA has Phil O'Connor, skilful but needing more composure and certainty with his final pass, cross or shot at goal. It also has Greg Woodhouse, gifted, but still occasionally erratic, which is the way of most young goalkeepers.

Footscray has the fluid

Lujic and other moddy stars like Joe Picione.

Blacktown City has a player of immense potential in young Ian Hunter.

Strong, direct and fast, when he adds more deftness to his play he will emerge as one of the country's top players.

Of all the stars at Canberra City I most liked Duncan Cole when his team beat Sydney City in mid-season in Sydney. He is a truly all-round mid-field player.

West Adelaide has in its

ranks John Kosminia and Martyn Crook.

Crook is safe yet capable of outstanding performances.

When I had West Adelaide I told the then 20-year-old Kosminia that he must become the "Don Bradman of Australian Soccer".

He certainly had the potential.

Fast, skilful, composed, a good shot, good header — he had everything I had observed in the top strikers among whom I had trained and played in England.

He laughed a little when I set him his future task.

He did well for me and for Jimmy Shoulder, but subsequently never really took up the challenge I had set him and his career has suffered because of this lack of drive and ambition.

St George has a young, spindly-legged player, Billy Griffiths.

He has been one of the few bright spots this season for this frustrated club.

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HAKOAH, AJAX IN DEEP TROUBLE

The State League grabs the limelight tonight (Wednesday) when its 1980 top four competition starts at Olympic Park with a double header featuring Croatia v Hakoah and Makedonia v Ajax.

Croatia's 6-1 drubbing of Hakoah in the 1980 Dockerty Cup semi-final may provide the revenge motive to spark greater effort from Fred Bunce's side which succumbed easily in that memorable defeat.

Hakoah's midfield must give good support to Chris Kent and Graham French otherwise a similar drubbing is probable.

As I stressed in my preview of the Dockerty Cup semi-final between these sides the most important decision which Hakoah must make is its selection of its central defensive combination.

Once Anton Dosen is forced to chase, Hakoah is in trouble.

Dosen is his own worst enemy because there can be little doubt about his ability but his weight problem not only affects his speed off the mark but makes him suspect when forced to turn quickly.

In the semi-final Steve Gadsby and Dosen often found themselves picking up Noel Mitten and Carl Gilder which caught Hakoah without an effective player spare at the back.

Sean Rooney overlapped well in the semi-final but left Gerry Edmondson rarely pushed forward and Hakoah lost a great deal of momentum out wide especially down its left side.

When Ken Murphy dropped back to stop Ged Bannon finding acres of space wide on Hakoah's right the game was placed out of Hakoah's reach as Croatia's midfield effectively bottled up play and cut off the service to Kent and French.

I can't see Hakoah overcoming these problems and Croatia should win this opening encounter of its top four campaign.

State League champion Makedonia should defeat Ajax in the second match of the double header.

Ajax looked tired in the Dockerty Cup semi-final against Juventus whereas Makedonia has had ample time to recover from its championship celebrations and, as is its custom, should end an early killer blow which could put paid to Ajax's resistance.

Ajax coach Bobby McLachlan will likely tag Makedonia's three front runners and instruct his midfielders about the benefit of quickly recovering behind the ball when Jeff Faulkner, Claude Lechesse or George McMillan break forward.

Ajax will probably rely on the break through Andy Segi or Dave Perkins but Makedonia's back four is an extremely hard nut to crack.

It looks as if there are more celebrations in store for Makedonia. — CRAIG MACKENZIE

Gilder, Mitten jar Juventus

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

CROATIA 7 (Mitten 3, Gilder 2, Gardiner, Tront) JUVENTUS 0, Victorian Dockerty Cup final at Olympic Park, crowd 4000.

CROATIA: Blasby 7 - Short 9, Adams 9, Kokoska 8, Blavner 8 - Tront 9, Gardiner 8, Andrews 8 - Gilder 9, Kerr 8, Mitten 9.

JUVENTUS: Reilly 7 - Nelson 5, Crino 8, Creany 5, Della Rocca (inj. Sannipoli 20th 6) - Sabidussi 5, Cavallari 5, Heery 5 - Ristovski 5 (Incantalupe half time 7), Gillan 6, McGuinness 5.

Referee: Chris Bambridge 9.

Cups King Croatia, fired by the magic of the Noel Mitten-Carl Gilder partnership, thrashed Juventus 7-0 in the Dockerty Cup final in a match which long will be remembered, not merely because of its one-sidedness but because of some champagne soccer culminating in many spectacular goals.

Everything Croatia turned to goals while Juve was left floundering for most of the afternoon.

Croatia player-coach John Gardiner was the architect of his side's massive victory for he knew where Juve's main weakness lay and he exploited it to perfection.

The Juve midfield trio, Bruno Sabidussi, Tiziano Cavallari and Tony Heery are fine going forward but have a poor defensive record.

Gardiner threw the Juve defence into confusion from the start by playing Alan Kerr as central striker with Mitten wide on the left and Gilder wide on the right.

Juve's central defender John Creany started by tagging Kerr, switched after about 20 minutes onto Mitten who had come inside then found himself often forced to alternate between marking Gilder and Mitten for the remainder of the afternoon.

Gardiner opened the scoring, in the 17th minute with an uncharacteristic header from Joe Tront's corner driven across the face of Juve's goal.

The game was put out of Juve's reach three minutes later when Howard Andrews found himself in the clear well inside the right side of the area and intelligently cut the ball square into the path of Mitten who slammed it into the back of the net from seven metres.

Kerr dropped back into midfield and Mitten and Gilder moved inside as Croatia reverted to its 4-2-2 formation which had proved so successful against Hakoah in the Dockerty Cup semi-final two weeks ago.

Gardiner was not as adventurous as he had been in the

opening 20 minutes but Juventus had no idea of what was happening and Croatia was well on top in midfield.

Steve Short made Bobby McGuinness's job hard by sticking close to the 1980 Rothmans Medal winner but McGuinness's task was difficult without good support from his midfielders.

The most significant factor emerging was the many options open to Croatia players whenever they were in possession.

At this stage only 30 minutes had elapsed but the Cup was already safely in Croatia's keeping.

Gardiner and Tront indulged in a spot of cheeky play to exaggerate Croatia's dominance but Sabidussi could have changed the complexion of the game in the 32nd minute.

A long, high ball was played into the Croatia area and was badly headed, falling to Sabidussi's feet but the Juve midfielder's shot was deflected for a corner.

Five minutes later McGuinness latched onto George Gillan's flicked header but Sabidussi could have changed the complexion of the game in the 32nd minute.

At the conclusion of the first half Croatia marched off the field well in command and the main question was whether Croatia would go for more goals in the second half or sit back content with its 2-0 lead.

Mendo Ristovski was replaced at half time by Fabio Incantalupe.

Juventus looked keener and started well in the second half but after a 10-minute period which saw two scrambled first-time clearances out of the Croatia area, Juve gradually reverted to its second-string role.

Its best chance in this period fell to Incantalupe when Blasby dropped a far post cross from Lou Sannipoli who had replaced the injured Pat Della Rocca in the 20th minute.

Incantalupe lunged at the ball but Blasby, recovering well, tapped it out of the youngster's reach.

In the 56th minute Tront, having a fine game and finding



Carl Gilder - two goals

acres of room wide on Croatia's right, crossed into the area.

Kerr tried to shoot but was blocked and the ball ran to Tront who had continued his run after crossing and the Croatia midfielder coolly slotted the ball past the helpless Reilly.

Four minutes later Mitten passed to Tront again wide on the right.

Tront played the ball inside to Gilder who controlled well and pushed it through for Mitten about 12 metres out on the left of Juve's area.

The former Irish youth international side-footed the ball with his left foot high into the back of the net off the inside of the near upright.

The game started to take on comic proportions as Croatia revelled in its dominance.

Gardiner, Short and Steve Kokoska formed a triangle around Greg Gillan and tapped the ball back and forth as Gillan was left to run aimlessly without support from his team mates.

In the 65th minute Gardiner clipped the ball to Mitten who chipped it off to Gilder with a cheeky back-heel flick but the blond Croatia striker side-footed the ball high and wide from eight metres.

Mitten grabbed his hat-trick in the 75th minute after Kerr and Tront cleverly switched play.



Noel Mitten - nine goals in three games.

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Split wins the double

SPLIT AUTO 2 (Cesljar 2) BOWATER SCOTT 0, final of Black Douglas Cup at Middle Park, Sunday 5 October.

SPLIT: M. Franjic, Milanovic, Volic, Jugovic, Dimac, F. Franjic, Turic, Holovka, Vlasovic, I. Cesljar, Tusek, Kuzmar, M. Cesljar, Vidic, Keran, Matic.

BOWATER: Staub, S. McCole, Howard, Lokos, Leach, S. Reid, Davies, Blondel, Marshall, I. McCole, G. McCole, Jakovljevic, Quigley, C. Reid, McLeod.

Industrial League champion Split ended 1980 on a high note when it won the double by defeating Bowater Scott 2-0 in the final of the Black Douglas Cup.

The match featured a contrast of styles with Split's possession football pitted against Bowater's speed and hustling tactics.

Bowater kicked off and for the first ten minutes threatened to run Split off the park.

Split's keeper Miro Frankic, player-coach was in action several times, particularly with great solo efforts from Andrew Blondel and Ronald Marshall.

Split went into the lead when Zdenko Tusek broke clear and crossed to Ivan Cesljar who positioned himself perfectly to nod the ball into the net.

Seven minutes later Cesljar broke clear again, cleverly avoiding a weak off-side trap, side stepping keeper Kurt Staub and sliding the ball into an empty net.

Split seemed content to sit on its two goal lead in the second half and soaked up the pressure with Mate Dimac starring in a well disciplined defence.

Brian Quigley replaced Janko Jakovljevic but made little impression on Split's defence.

Blondel played his heart out for the "Scotties". One superb volley from outside the penalty area beat Franjic all ends up, but skimmed the wrong side of the cross bar.

For Split Auto Repairs, Mate Dimac, Ivica Turic and Miro Frankic were outstanding in a well balanced side.

Andrew Blondel, Malcolm Leach, Colin Howard and Russell Davies were best for Bowater Scott. — BY GEORGE YELLAND.

Steve Walker sent off

Metro League Cup Quarter-finals: FAWKNER 0 MORELAND 4, J.U.S.T. 6 WERRIBEE 1, DOVETON 3 MORWELL FALCONS 1, COBURG 0 ALTONA GATE 0, AET Coburg won 4-2 on penalties.

Doveton has a second to none chance of adding the 1980 Metro League Cup to its Division One championship.

But the Doves will have to perform more convincingly than they did in defeating Morwell Falcons at Waratah Reserve, Doveton last Saturday.

Two goals by Doveton striker Steve Irvine and the sending off of Falcons' Steve Walker were the highlights of a scrappy match which became rough in the second half when players from both sides became confused by a series of strange refereeing decisions.

Walker was sent off in the 65th minute for a late tackle.

Irvine's goals apart, Doveton failed to flatter but with Division Two side J.U.S.T. looking to be the only side capable of stretching the Doves the Cup could be another welcome addition to the credits mounting up for Danny McMinimee's side. — CRAIG MACKENZIE

Double for Hakoah THOMASTOWN!

HAKOAH 4 (McClunie 3, Webster) POLONIA 0, Armstrong Cup final at Olympic Park.

HAKOAH: Fryzer 7 - Knox 7, Thomson 8, Nagy 8, Walker 7 - Gesso 8, Hagymes 7 (Dejanovic 75th), Allison 6, Sugden 8 - Webster 8, McClunie 8.

POLONIA: Ostrowsky 7 - Weimper 6, Dimitriou 7, Boros 80th, Kilpatrick 6, Liparski 6 - Lambrou 7, Menichelli 6, Gorias 6, Lewis 6 - Bielicki 5 (Altieri 65th), Morris 5.

Hakoah strode to victory in the Harry Armstrong Reserve Cup by proving too fit, too fast and too classy for Polonia.

Richard McClunie opened the scoring in the 38th minute when he cleverly avoided Polonia's offside trap, rounded Larry Ostrowsky and tapped the ball into the open goal.

In the 55th minute Stan Webster scored Hakoah's second goal. McClunie grabbed his hat-trick with two more second half goals and Hakoah added the cup to its 1980 State League Reserve title.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE RESERVE CUP FINAL: Thomastown 5, Langwarrin 8.

THOMASTOWN: Taverana, Crupi, Angonastis, Vangelis, Kandi, Lia, Zvanetti, Fontana.

RESERVES: Coco (for Fontana), Crupi (for Zvanetti), Vangelis, Carfara.

Goal scorers: Magagnoli 32, Lia 16, Kandi 27, Zvanetti 8th and 75th.

Best players: Lia G. Vangelis, A. Zvanetti, Kandi.

Magagnoli missed a penalty and then was sent off.

Previously Thomastown had won the Peninsula Cup against Morwelling (1-0), Hotham Utd (2-2), Frankston City (5-4), Rosebud (2-1), the seniors and reserves premiership and players Kararitis, Traikopoulos, Papadopoulos, Heuble and Rapon teamed with Kreskas (Ringwood) and R. Nelson (Juventus) to win the Ringwood United six-a-side competition.

SUNBURY'S THIRD

SUNBURY 2 (Little pen, Campbell), MELTON 1 (Davies), Provisional league cup final at Green Gulley Reserve.

SUNBURY: Borg 8 - Gilligan 6, Duncanson 6, Clark 7, Haines 8; - Stokes 7, Train 7, Campbell 9 - Little 7, McCulloch 6 (Collins 60th), McMillan 7.

MELTON: Brown 8 - Lee 6, Gatt 6, Munro 8, Seenan 7 - P. Banagan 6, M. Banagan 8, Fuller 6 - Robinson 5 (Teer 70th), J. Banagan 6, Davies 7.

Sunbury grabbed its third major honor of 1980 when it came from behind to defeat Melton 2-1.

Melton took the lead in the 77th minute through Davies.

Sunbury hit back in the 80th minute when Duncanson's cross from the left was headed goalward by McMillan and handled by a Melton defender.

Former Altona star Nat Little scored from the spot.

Five minutes later Sunbury player-coach George Train took a short corner to Little whose cross into the Melton area found Trevor Campbell who rose high and headed powerfully into the back of the Melton goal.

The cup triumph added to Sunbury's Provisional League title and Como Cup win.

MOLLY CURRAN DIES

Mrs Molly Curran died suddenly on Sunday.

'Boro wins'

VICTORIAN WOMEN'S CUP FINAL: GREENSBOROUGH 4 (Elvey, Bass, Delio, Peterson) SOUTH MELBOURNE (Rocco, Busuttli).

GREENSBOROUGH: Squillacioti, Quintarelli, Soldatos, Elvey, Melvin, Wingrave, Hamlet, Bass, Coats, Delio, Kemp, Peterson.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Werner, Kollyvas, Vasilas, Tasse, Delio, J. Pavlovic, P. Athanasiadis, G. Athanasiadis, Sators, Rocco, I. Pavlovic, K. Athanasiadis, Busuttli, Valkani.

Goal scorers: Elvey 1, Bass 1, Delio 1, Peterson 1.

Best players: Elvey, Bass, Delio, Peterson.

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Hellas, Slickers linked with 'Soccergate'

BY CRAIG MACKENZIE

I think the PSL top four competition gets under way this weekend and if I have to take a stab in the dark about the games and venues I will go for Sydney City v Heidelberg at the Sydney Sports Ground on Saturday night and Hellas v Marconi at Middle Park on Sunday afternoon.

Please note these matches may be subject to last minute change, as we've heard nothing official at the PSL office didn't know, and things have been known to change overnight.

With the suitable parts of my anatomy crossed for good luck let's hope I am previewing the right games, venues and kick-off times. Of course we also accept blame for the confusion that reigns, and we must apologise for advertising the Philips Cup final for the wrong date last week.

The secret kick offs for both matches are 7.30 pm and 3 pm according to my informant who has infiltrated the PSL organisation.

Judas, as he or she is known within the Australian soccer spy network, assures me that Sydney City will knock off Heidelberg and Hellas will beat Marconi.

I'm not as definite in my choice of winners as is Judas but I must admit to lacking the inside information of my informant.

Judas said that Heidelberg's John Yzendoorn may not be fully fit if he plays against Sydney City which doesn't have a worry in the world now that Murray Barnes has served his punishment for being sent off against West Adelaide three weeks ago.

After tapping the telephones of prominent Sydney City officials Judas said the task confronting Heidelberg's Gary Cole and Jamie Paton, when they face the Slickers' defence led by stalwarts Steve O'Connor and Kevin Mullen, will prove too much for the Bergers' dynamic duo and with this important avenue to goal cut out the Slickers will pepper Jeff Oliver with shots from swift attacking moves.

"Heidelberg is a tired side," Judas whispered from behind a filing cabinet in the office of a prominent PSL official.

His shoe phone cut out from time to time but I was able to discover the Slickers' plan of attack through wide flanking midfielders Joe Watson and Hilton Silva who will endeavour to stretch the Bergers before setting up lethal striker Ken Boden.

Someone came into the prominent officials' office humming the tune of a new jingle about summer soccer and Judas had to end his report hurriedly.

"Just see if you can get good odds about Sydney City and put a few dollars on for me," Judas ended.

The other top four match at Middle Park will draw a huge crowd thirsting for Marconi's blood expecting a clear cut Hellas win.

You can't blame them because Hellas twice has convincingly beaten Marconi this season and has the record of seven goals for two against after hammering Les Schienflug's team 3-1 and 4-1.

With George Campbell ready for action and Alan Davidson running into top form coach John Margaritis has a full squad to pick from and it will be interesting to see who misses out.

Bertie Lutton and Arthur Xanthopoulos have proved to be Hellas's best central defensive combination so

Steve Blair could be the unlucky bench warmer.

Mark Jankovics and Eddie Krncevic represent the biggest threat to Hellas.

Maybe Krncevic will regard this game as a trial match for he could be seen in Hellas colors next year.

But Alan Evans and Duncan Cummings will be keen to continue their destruction of Jim Muir and Ivo Prskalo carried out three weeks ago at Marconi Stadium and the Sydneysiders may find their top four aspirations irreparably jolted.

Top four matches with previous results and likely winners:

IN SYDNEY
SYDNEY CITY v Heidelberg at Sydney Sports Ground, Saturday 7.30 pm. Previous results: 1977 - SC 3-1, 1-1, 1978 - SC 2-1, 1-1, 1979 - Held 3-1, 2-2 top four - SC 3-1, 1980 - 1-1, 1-1. Advantage Sydney City 3 wins, 5 draws, 1 loss. Goals: 15:12.

IN MELBOURNE
HELLAS v Marconi at Middle Park, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1977 - Marc 3-0, 2-1, 1978 - Marc 3-0, 1-1, 1979 - Marc 6-0, 2-1, 1980 - Hellas 3-1, 4-1. Advantage Marconi 5 wins, 1 draw, 2 losses. Goals: 15:10.

Theo, Andy tops in drawn final, now for replay

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Sydney City and South Melbourne Hellas will help determine who wins the replay of the Philips Cup final at Marconi Oval next Wednesday night.

And so Heidelberg must be the favorite.

Marconi meets Hellas in the PSL elimination final at Middle Park on Sunday — the worst possible preparation for its rematch with Heidelberg, as Hellas has thrashed Marconi twice this year — 3-1 and 4-1.

Another victory will be a shattering psychological blow to Marconi which can't feel very confident anyway after having to rely so heavily on Allan Maher and Ivo Prskalo at Olympic Park.

Heidelberg meanwhile starts the top four series at the Sydney Sports Ground on Saturday night against Sydney City. The two matches between the teams this year resulted in draws.

The Marconi players survived Saturday's match relatively unscathed but Heidelberg lost Jim Campbell who injured knee ligaments and had to be replaced by Jim Williams during extra time.

John Yzendoorn missed the game due to groin and knee injuries. If he is fit for the replay and Campbell is injured, Yzen-

HEIDELBERG UNITED 0 MARCONI 0 after extra time Philips Cup final at Olympic Park, Saturday night. Crowd 6388, takings \$13,824.

HEIDELBERG: Oliver 8 — McMillan 9, Provan 8, P. Bannan 8, Tansey 9 — Selemidis 9, Campbell 8 (injured, sub. Williams 100th), Rooney 8 — Cole 8, Paton 9, Bozikas 9 (injured, sub Taylor 112th).

MARCONI: Maher 10 — Prskalo 9 — Muir 8, Henderson 7, Brogan 7 (Lindsay 7, 64th) — Cant 8, Byrne 8, Raskopoulos 7 — Sharne 8, Jankovics 7, Krncevic 7.

Referee: Jack Johnston (Tas) 5.

doorn could play midfield, allowing big Bob Provan to retain his place in defence.

Provan has sat on the bench for most of the year, yet he played particularly well on Saturday and gave Heidelberg added aerial strength to counter Eddie Krncevic and Mark Jankovics.

National coach Rudi Gutendorf watched the game to assess candidates for the world tour next month.

He said afterwards that Maher had consolidated his position in the squad.

He also was impressed by Jim Tansey, Theo Selemidis, Jamie Paton and Peter Sharne.

Gutendorf still is trying to decide whether to use Paton.

He should have been convinced by the little striker's tigerish performance against Jim Muir and Tony Henderson, both almost twice his size. When Heidelberg created an opening up front, you could bet that Paton was involved somehow.

Heidelberg was clearly superior. It made most of the play, it had long periods of sustained pressure and there were some brilliant individual performers in its team.

Marconi defended desperately during Heidelberg's many raids and it was in counter-attacks that Marconi experienced its finest moments. Invariably those counter-attacks came via Peter Sharne, who had the ball played crossfield to him by Eddie Krncevic.



Heidelberg's brilliant right back Arthur McMillan chests the ball down in front of Peter Raskopoulos. Picture: LES SHORROCK.

Heidelberg right back Arthur McMillan was the star of the first half, defending stoutly against Marconi's forward thrusts and also attacking up the right flank.

Jim Tansey and Jim Campbell were the others who contributed most of Heidelberg's play, while Marconi came forward through the efforts of Peter Brogan, Gary Byrne and Peter Sharne during that first half.

By the end of the regulation 90 minutes, Maher and Prskalo had distinguished themselves as Marconi's heroes for having kept Heidelberg scoreless, in the face of some determined onslaughts by Andy Bozikas and Paton.

Bozikas had probably his best game of the season and Selemidis wasn't far behind.

The first promising move of the game involved Campbell intercepting in midfield and sending Cole racing away on a neat through ball. Cole foxed Prskalo and then darted past him but there's no beating the old pro, who unceremoniously dumped Cole with an unabashed foul. Rooney took the free kick but it was headed clear by big Krncevic.

Heidelberg's defence was outplayed by a Sharne-Cant-Jankovics combination which presented Muir with a good scoring chance but he shot wide in the 7th minute.

To stop one of Cole's runs, Muir resorted to a crude tackle which earned him the yellow card.

The most dangerous breakaway of the first half came via Sharne a minute before the whistle. He beat off challenges by Pat Bannan, Campbell and

Rooney on a dashing run down the left but Campbell followed and finally forced a corner inside the area. Campbell and Rooney both had reacted commendably to race back behind Bannan who had no choice but to confront Sharne, with the rest of the Heidelberg team committed to attack.

Sharne, who was in everything, probably still is kicking himself over his miss in the 49th minute. The ball rolled clear to him off a challenge between Bannan and Jankovics yet Sharne belted it over the bar.

Maher made the save of the game two minutes later. Tansey brought the ball forward yet again and Cole jumped to back-head the ball, with Maher off the line. It went over Maher's head. Surely this was a goal. But no! Somehow Maher stretched full-length, arching backwards, and tapped it over the bar.

Heidelberg sustained the pressure, with Paton running hot and Henderson nowhere in sight.

Campbell won possession in midfield and played it to Selemidis who relayed it first-time to Paton on the run but Paton shot straight at Maher.

Then came the now infamous refereeing mistake that cost Heidelberg victory.

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Olympic bursts Eagles' balloon

By TOM ANDERSON

Sydney Olympic 5 Melita Eagles 1, NSW semi-final.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier 8, Ankudinoff 8, Palmer 8, Wilson 8, Rowden 8, Cross 8, Hensman 7, Smith 8, Eaton 6, Jennings 6, (sub Laing 75th min), Scott 9.

MELITA EAGLES: Greedy 6, McDonald 6, Darvill 6, Berry 6, Mikas 6, Juchiewicz 6, Williams 6, Farrugia 9, Allan 7, Stoddart 7, Parker 6 (sub Jones 57, 6).

Referee — Tim Davies 8. Ground — Sydney Sports Ground. Conditions — hot.

Cautions — Ankudinoff, Scott. Goals — Farrugia (Pen) 40th, Eaton 42, Wilson 50 (Pen), Hensman, 60, 81, Scott 65. Crowd — 4217.

SECOND GRADE: Sydney Olympic 3 (McPherson, Kostas, Michail) Ku-Ring-Gai 1 (Gross).

THIRD GRADE: Auburn 2 (McLaughlin Slater) Sutherland 0.

Sydney Olympic's Phillips Soccer League claims received an enormous boost when it thrashed fellow contenders Melita Eagles 5-1 in the major semi-final of the Coca-Cola State League top four play-offs.

For in this game, Olympic was a different class above a Melita team which never got its act together.

If anyone had not seen these two teams play before this game they would never have believed that Melita won this year's Coca-Cola championship by six clear points.

Olympic, which won this year's Ampol Cup, went straight into the grand final after this win and if it can repeat this performance there is no team that will dent its armour far less defeat it.

Not that it is the perfect team by any means, but it is a workmanlike side that could be brought up to PSL standard by the inclusion of a couple of players.

Olympic is definitely much better PSL material on this showing than Melita.

However with the PSL in mind the only big question mark was over the attendance.

Only a crowd of 4217 turned up and this was indeed disappointing.

Mind you it was a beautiful day in Sydney and most of the people no doubt had flocked to the beaches or gone away for the long weekend.

Which is also another reason why summer soccer should not be introduced here.

The first half of this match was a tough grueling affair

with hard bone crunching tackling taking preference over good football.

Olympic, which played with a stiff wind behind it had much the better of the exchanges.

However as has been an aspect of its play this year, its finishing was bad.

Peter Hensman, Clive Eaton and Graham Jennings all missed easy chances when well placed in front of goal.

In the early stages, Olympic's big striker Andy Scott quickly stamped his authority on the game and caused the Melita defence a great number of headaches.

Then in the 40th minute, against the run of play, Melita grabbed the lead when it opened the scoring with a penalty from Ray Farrugia.

This came after Olympic defender Greg Ankudinoff stupidly handled in the penalty area with no danger imminent. This was complete lack of experience and self discipline on Ankudinoff's part.

However, the defender atoned two minutes later when his long throw-in on the right was headed in for the equaliser by Eaton.

With the scoreline tied at 1-1 at the interval, Melita coach Atti Abonyi must have thought his team was in with a chance in the second half with the wind behind it.

But this was not to be and Olympic put it all together and turned in a display that swept Melita off its feet.

Led by the inspired Scott, Olympic hit the Melita defence with everything but the kitchen sink and Melita burst like a balloon.

Further goals for Olympic were added by Ken Wilson (penalty), Hensman 2, and Scott. Olympic capitalised on the wide open spaces of the Sports Ground and used them to great advantage.

Their players were prepared to run off the ball and Melita's didn't and paid the penalty.

Olympic coach Jim Adam will leave the club at the end of the season and on this showing, Adam will go out in a blaze of glory.

For as I wrote earlier, there is no State League Club that will live with Olympic in the grand final if it can reproduce this form.

Melita was a big disappointment and was definitely not up to Olympic's standard.

However, it has another bite of the cherry in the final this week and could get another go at Olympic in the grand final on Sunday week.

Mind you after this hiding maybe Melita would rather miss a second encounter.



Allan Maher taps a Heidelberg shot over the top. Others, from left: Jamie Paton, Jim Muir, Theo Selemidis, Eddie Krncevic, Jim Tansey, Peter Raskopoulos. Picture by STEVE CHATZIS.

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Message from the president

Let me begin by saying how pleased I am with the fine way in which Batman Lazio has started.

We are not a strong club in league standing but our organisation and enthusiasm would be appreciated in any club and it will not be long before we will be regarded as a top outfit.

As an Italian club we had to start the hard way because better-established Italian clubs failed to give us support.

All Italian clubs should be sharing their resources to ensure all of them do well. If a weaker club needs a forward and a stronger club has one languishing in the reserves it should be prepared to lend this reserve player to the weaker club to help pull it out of the doldrums.

Likewise if the weaker club has promising player it should be in favor of him joining a stronger Italian club.

At present Italian clubs fail to help each other and everyone suffers but I hope this changes soon and all Italian soccer clubs will co-operate with each other.

We had an indifferent season in 1980 but we are not discouraged because with our wonderful supporters and sponsors our club will be a success.

I would like to thank publicly my committee which put in many hours of hard work and I hope these committeemen will stay with the club in years to come.

I offer my sincere thanks to the Coburg City Council for providing us with two pitches and I hope our plans for a new complex in the Coburg area will eventuate.

The support of the committee of the Lazio Social Club was immensely appreciated and our continued good relationship provides the basis for Batman Lazio to rise to prominence in the 80's.

Special thanks must go to the players and coaches of Batman Lazio who have represented our club with distinction and I look forward to their presence in 1981 when we strive for success.

**-A. COVIELLO,
PRESIDENT,
BATMAN LAZIO**



BATMAN SENIOR TEAM. Back: T. Demaria, R. Pizzo, E. Prosia, L. Lombardo, J. Guerra, G. Belardo, F. Monforte (secretary). Front: E. Mochi (captain), J. Taverna, T. Coletta, D. Gugliandolo, G. Coviello, J. Politis.

Mighty Batman on the move

Batman will become great!

This is the catch cry around McDonald Reserve in Coburg, Vic, home of Batman Lazio Soccer Club.

After five years of planning a club under the auspices of the VSF, the committee and followers of the strong Lazio Social Club went ahead and formed Batman Lazio in 1979.

The club played in the District League Third Division, wearing the colors of the Italian state of Lazio.

The inaugural club committee comprised Antonio Coviello, Frank Ensanbello, John Purificato, Sam Bellomo and Nicola Raffone and was under the guidance of Ottavio D'Aprano, chairman of the Lazio Social Club.

Coburg city council allocated Batman Lazio two grounds at McDonald Reserve in Bell Street and the club started its first season.

It was 1979, a poor year for Batman Lazio on the field, but the club gained invaluable experience in soccer administration.

The club first gained recognition during the 1979 Italian Cup when it was beaten after extra time in a quarter final match against Essendon Triestina, then in the Metro Fourth Division.

Season 1980 was entered with high hopes and club president Antonio Coviello organised his committee.

Flavio Monforte became secretary and his enthusiasm immediately lifted club spirit.

Every successful club treasurer has a mean, tightfisted streak about him and Michael Tommassi filled the bill perfectly.

Nicola Raffone, one of the hardest working and dedicated members, became property manager and the administrative experience of vice-president Vittorio Borelli added an efficient touch to the five figureheads of the committee.

The rest of the committee was made up of Antonio Raponi, (public relations offi-

cer), Frank Iacobellis (under-14 team manager), Ross Delmonte (under-16 coach) Joe Pavia and Joe Prosia.

In 1980 the club's Italian supporters were magnificent, as were the Italian-owned companies which sponsored Batman Lazio.

The club was determined to do well with its strong support and two junior teams were formed, the under-14's coached by Sam Paladino and the under-16's coached by Ross Delmonte.

But the senior teams did not fare well in 1980 due to the introduction of many new players and the unsuitability of the club's coaching staff.

Injuries also plagued Batman Lazio and first team stalwart Tony Demaria missed seven games after a serious injury and is still on crutches with his right leg in plaster.

For the last six league games, the first team was coached by Flavio Monforte and strung together creditable results which should stand the club in good stead for the 1981 season.

Batman Lazio's reserve team finished runner-up and was pipped at the post by Mossfield Rangers with a superior goal difference of one goal.

Congratulations must go to reserve team coaches Sam Bellomo and Tom Kalafatis for the fine job they have done this year.

The under-14 team finished third and the under-16's just missed out on making the top four.

The club plans to introduce another two junior teams in 1981 but expansion has been hampered by the lack of space in which to build a pavilion and several pitches.

Recruiting and planning for next season has already begun and with continued support from supporters and sponsors Batman Lazio is determined to make 1981 its year.

The club committee wishes to thank all supporters and sponsors for getting behind the club during a year of mixed success but with their future help, Batman Lazio is destined for success.



BATMAN RESERVE TEAM, back: R. Demaria, D. Giacomini, F. Catela, S. Robotis, S. Bogomir, V. Trajanovski, T. Kalafatis. Front: P. Walker, S. Valentino, J. Pavia, R. Tomassi, A. Muccitelli (captain), S. Bellomo (coach).



BATMAN LAZIO COMMITTEE back: T. Raponi (public relations), F. Iacobellis, G. Prosia, N. Raffone (property manager), G. Pavia, R. DelMonte. Front: M. Tomassi (treasurer), A. Coviello (president), V. Borrelli (vice-president), F. Monforte (secretary).



UNDER-16's back: A. Coviello (president), I. Galanti (sponsor), S. Falcone, M. Maldoni, T. Cotic, S. Andrioli, S. DelVecchio, M. Guidara, R. Liberto, L. Ferola (sponsor), A. DelMonte (coach). Front: M. Guidara (team manager), S. McIntosh, L. Vellucci, M. DelMonte, N. Capozza, J. Kounbarakos, A. Amici, D. Martino, F. Monforte (secretary).

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Stars of the future



BATMAN'S UNDER-14's. Back: F. Iacobellis (team manager), S. Maiorana, O. Cupic, N. Capozza, T. Mulgeri, F. Paladino, L. Forte, T. Kapuranonski, S. Paladino (coach), V. Borelli (sponsor). Front: G. Capozza, C. Cavaliere, P. Bourlotos, P. Paladino, T. Paladino, P. Kalliamis, P. Alliotto, A. Acarkol. Missing: R. Adorno



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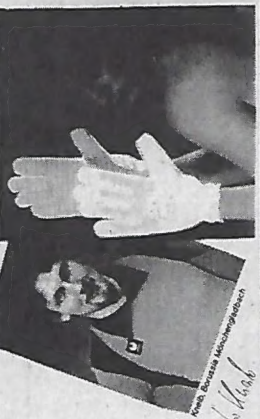
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STATE LEAGUE TEAM OF THE YEAR

This is the 'Soccer Action' 1980 Victorian State League Team of the Year. Players have won a place in the team according to the number of votes they polled in our player of the year award won by Jimmy Dunne of Green Gully Ajax. Positioning of players is based upon the positions commonly played throughout season 1980.



Bill

WHITESIDE 10 votes
(Frankston)

Jack Reilly (Juve) 8
Elvio Pugliese (Slav) 7



Tony

CURCIO 14 votes
(Juventus)

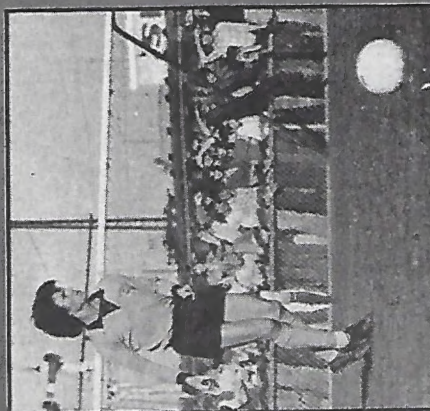
Peter Lewis (Alt) 8
Sean Parton (Fran) 8



Jimmy

DUNNE 27 votes
(Ajax)

Mike Glykokalamos (WS) 23
Stuart Cannell (Alt) 20



Frank

MUSSELL 15 votes
(Sunshine)

Steve McCombe (Croy) 11
Steve Kokoska (Croy) 8



Charlie

MURPHY 13 votes
(Croydon)

Grant Smart (GG) 8
Bill Valli (Fran) 7

The 1979 'Soccer Action' team of the year.

Lou
DENYS
(Ajax)

Steve
ELLIS
(Sunshine)

Jimmy
SPINKS
(Croydon)

Tony
YOUNG
(Frankston)

Harry
HIRD
(Altona)

Robert
NELSON
(Sunshine)

Claude
LUCCHESE
(Juventus)

Billy
WHYTE
(Altona)

Bobby
McGUINNESS
(Juventus)

Robert
CULLEN
(Makedonia)

Tommy
CUMMING
(Croatia)



Jeff
FAULKNER 11 votes
 (Makedonia)
 Kees Doornenbal (Croy) 8
 Bill Vojtek (GG) 5



Keith
ADAMS 18 votes
 (Croatia)
 Dave Cooper (Fran) 9
 Billy Whyte (Alt) 7



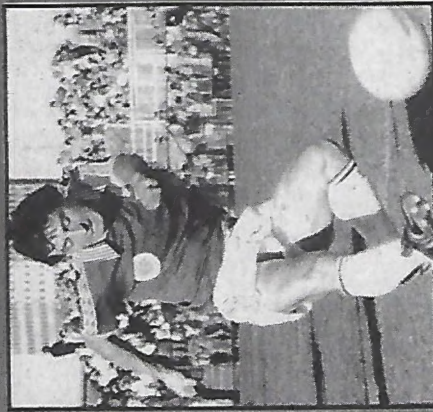
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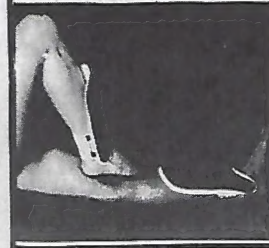
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 Peter Loughnane (Croy) 5



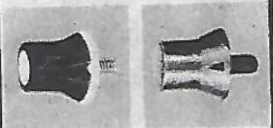
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 Bobby McGuinness (Juve) 9
 Noel Mitten (Croat) 7



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 Jim Paparas (GC) 16
 Bill Morrey (GG) 11

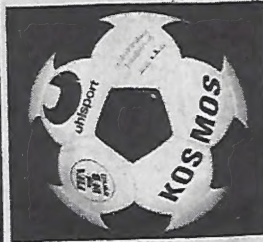


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Mighty Makedonia



Preston Makedonia's under-16 side has struck together 26 consecutive games without defeat and has completed its third successful season.

In 1978 the boys won the State League Colts title. In 1979 they finished third in Division One of the under-16 league and this year they have again won the State League Colts title.

Many of these boys have had reserve team experience and Makedonia will be hoping to

continue to improve when they vie for a regular berth in next season's reserve team.

BACK ROW: Philip Staios (junior president), George Velkos, Jim Balevski, Michael Nitson, Peter Christou, Bill Atanasovski, Michael Cöyle, Con Opaninis, Con Fodulis.

MIDDLE ROW: Les Velkos (coach), Les Avramov, George Lazarov, Mendo Jolevski, Bill Popovski, Arthur Staios, B. Kareski.

FRONT: George Babulas, Paul Sokiev.

TOP SCORER



Kyriakos Andrianakis, 15 (pictured), was the terror of opposing defenses this year. He was top scorer of the Brunswick City (Vic) under 15s.

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The boys' names will also appear in our list of "Hat Trick Heroes" published every week.

This week's hat-trick heroes:

Zdravko Sesar, 13 eleven goals, Zdenko Novoselac, 13, seven goals, Tommy Svaljek, 12, four goals, Robert Covic, 12 (North Greenleaf), Andrew Galea, 12 (Sunshine Heights), George Bakarnis, 14 (Baxter), William Hastie, 7, five goals, Nicholas Huddleston, Jai Thomas, 7, four goals, Jason Capstick, 7, four goals, Rodney Kins, 7, five goals, Kristian Longshaw, 7, five goals, Graham Henderson, 7, Warwick Capstick, 7, four goals (Croydon), C. Englezos, 16, D. Kolar, 10, six goals, G. Sifkas, 11, T. Georgievski, 15 (Lalor), Zeljko Gagula, 11, four goals (Essendon Croatia), Robert Markovic, 13, four goals, Ugor Jukic, 13, Sveto Rastic, 13, Ivan Jurcic, 13, Robert Saltik, 14 (Essendon Croatia), Goran Nedelkoski, 10, Sasa Bevinovski, 10 (Footscray JUST), Alan Jamieson, 11 (Bombaden Primary), Andrew Bedford, 11 (Mooroolbark), Matthew Elam, 11, Dean Hanemann, 11 (Mel-

Lyndale's under 11A team was formed in 1978 and apart from four boys all players were under 10 playing in an under 10 competition.

In season 1978 they finished fourth but in 1979, playing in Dandenong 'C' Division, they went through the season undefeated scoring 66 goals against 6.

In 1980, after being promoted to Dandenong 'B' division under 11, they once again went through their league programme without losing a game and scoring 65 goals to 6.

The last time this team was beaten in a league game was August 1978.

Six of the present squad are from the original team which started in 1978.

One of the six is Andrew Mazzapatti who, since joining Lyndale in 1978, has scored 83 goals which is a club record. For a boy playing one year above his age group, it's some achievement.

All these boys are well equipped with the skills of soccer and when they take to the field they play as a team and work for each other. The referee's decision is always final. Team captain G. Kistas sets his team a fine example.

Individually and as a team they are excellent ambassadors for Australian soccer and a team any coach would be proud of.

INCANTALUPO IN DEBT TO DELLA ROCCA

Juventus star Fabio Incantalupo is yet to turn 17 but he already has risen to prominence and this season was crowned at the recent Australian Schoolboys titles in Wollongong when he was selected as the best player of the tournament and capped for the national schoolboys team.

Incantalupo can remember the golden era of Juventus when he went to the games as an eager spectator with his father.

His initiation to the merits of supporting the black and whites led to his first competitive game with Juve's under-9s which heralded a long, lasting relationship with the club. His career is on the verge of coming into full bloom at senior level.

Incantalupo pays tribute to present day first team stalwart Pat Della Rocca who coached the youngster at under-16 and under-19 level.

"I can remember when we started an under-16 team in the State League Colts competition, but we didn't have enough boys of the right age so we had to field a very young team," he said. "We didn't do well in our first season but next year, most of us still were under-16 and we had a great year, winning the league title, the under-16 cup and the Mirabella Cup."

"It was Pat Della Rocca who coached me during those years and he showed faith in me and built my confidence," the youngster continued.

"I was a natural left-footed player and Pat made me practise using my right foot and before he coached me, I was scared to shoot from outside the area so he taught me to shoot from many angles."

Incantalupo has no doubts about Juve's future capabilities and he recognises the job players must do to satisfy the spectators.

"The players are there at Juventus and player for player we outclass any State League side but we have been falling down as a team," he said.

"Even though you are losing you must go down with a good fight otherwise the spectators lose interest in watching and will stay away from the matches, preferring to watch TV or participate in another recreation on match days."

Incantalupo's representative career with Victoria has encompassed playing at under-15 level with the State side in Gosford, playing in Sydney with the under-16 side which finished third and more recently playing in the national youth titles in Canberra this year.

His feat in winning the best player award at the 1980 national schoolboys' titles was achieved after he considered the importance of the tournament.

"I think I woke up this year and I made up my mind to do well now or never," he said.

"I reish the role of playmaker out wide on the left and I enjoy finding space because the middle is too congested."

Incantalupo has high hopes of becoming a full time professional player in English soccer because he feels his style of game is suited to the English approach.

But such hopes are at least a couple of years away from being realised although I am aware of the total sacrifice needed to succeed.

"I think I will stay with Juventus for another two years to gain valuable experience and if possible I would like to go to a PSL club later."

But Australian soccer must give young players a chance rather than concentrating on imported players.

"I am pleased by the improvement in the playing standard of the PSL and with a couple of good years Australia can become a top soccer country but the youngsters must be promoted."

Look at players such as Eddie Krcevic who has really made the grade here.

"I remember when I played with the Juventus under-12s, while Eddie played with the under-16s before transferring to Essendon Croatia and I could see; then what a fine player he was going to be. There's no doubt about the young talent waiting to be used."

Fabio Incantalupo has regularly waited to be used as he kept the Juventus first team bench warm on numerous occasions this season but next year, given the chance to show his wares, he could prove to be a major asset to the black and whites. By CRAIG MAC KENZIE.

Seaford the champs



Meet a team of champions.

It's Seaford United Soccer Club's U-12 A side which was undefeated all season to take out the championship for the first time.

The team won 16 games, drew 2 and scored 86 against 8.

Top row left to right: Manager P. St Ledger, P. Garlick, D. Dodds, G. Pezzutto, S. Parton, R. Runje, D. Cheasley, G. Hennessy, coach R. Mele. Bottom row: S. McKay, J. McCarriston, V. Longmate, R. Mele, D. St. Ledger, D. Ben-

S. M. HELLAS - U/16, 1980 CHAMPIONS



S.M. Hellas the Victorian U/16 champions for 1980.

TOP ROW: Left: D. Jordan, coach, K. Mavrits, L. Owen, G. Antonopoulos, P. Manasopoulos, J. Sakkas, N. Tsotras, M. Antonopoulos, manager, Kapatrides, Secretary.

BOTTOM ROW: J. KALABOKIS, L. Kamonopoulos, G. Jordan, G. Stavrakis, M. Kavarthinas, P. Gervosoulis, K. Harrison.

Congratulations must go to the coach of the team, D. Jordan, and the manager of the team, Mr. M. Antonopoulos, who have done a fantastic job with the boys this year.

The boys' have played 16 games: 15 wins, 1 draw. They scored 74 goals against 9. Top goal scorer is the brilliant J. Kalabokis, with 52 goals, also K. Mavrits, and Toni Owen, have showed excellent form this year.

Juma, Hassan Fallah threat to Soccerroos

By STEVE DARBY

Despite the commonly held view that all Arabs are the same, a comparison between Iraq and Kuwait reveals vast differences in personality, culture and political philosophy.

When the Soccerroos visit Kuwait, they will stay in top class hotels which are clean and comparatively efficient and all the food will be palatable and certainly edible. Kuwait City will resemble a vast building site, with constant construction going on. There will be evidence of vast wealth and the only poverty you will see will be among the Indians and Palestinians.

A visit to Iraq is a striking contrast. Poverty is evident everywhere, there is a strong military presence and political slogans scream at you from every corner.

Luckily, Australia won't have to play in Iraq, as FIFA has banned international matches there for two years.

At the last Arab Games held in Iraq, the pitch was surrounded by signs stating that the president was determined to stamp out illiteracy.

The hotels are nowhere near the standard of those in

Kuwait and the food must be approached with caution. Much of the food we take for granted is not available — eggs and certain types of fruit, for example.

Comparisons carry over to soccer. At the Arab Games the Kuwaitis relaxed and mixed with the other teams. They wore the gutra and thobe (headress and long shirt). The Iraqis kept to themselves and wore the national track suit. They were always up first and doing pre-break fast training — which is unusual for Arabs.

The Kuwaitis are still coached by Brazilians, although Mario Zagallo who was in charge during the last World Cup campaign, has left now. The Iraqis' system is based on Eastern European coaches. They didn't mix with the other coaches.

Soccer is of course the national game. It's like England in the 30s, with children

The Soccerroos almost certainly will have to play against Iraq in the World Cup qualifying series next year. They probably also will have to meet Kuwait, although Kuwait has to eliminate mighty Iran and South Korea before meeting Australia. We saw Iraq in 1973 and Kuwait in 1977, but few of us know what they are like today. One man who does is STEVE DARBY, player coach of Devonport in Tasmania. Darby was assistant national coach of Bahrain from January 1978 until July last year. During this time he had the opportunity to study the Iraqis and Kuwaitis, as a number of top club teams from both countries visited Bahrain and Darby himself played in Kuwait against club sides. The Kuwaiti youth team and the Kuwait Army team played against their counterparts in Bahrain, and Darby covered the Arab Games, in which Iraq finished first and Kuwait second, for the English Gulf Press ("Gulf Daily" and "Gulf Weekly Mirror"). As he speaks reasonable Arabic, Darby was able to gather extra information from talking to some of the Kuwaiti and Iraqi players. In this article he discusses briefly what the Soccerroos can expect next year...

playing barefoot in the villages and streets.

In the World Cup, there will be a great feeling of national pride in both countries — much more marked than in Australia or other western countries. Political prestige also will be sought by both regions through World Cup qualification.

Most Arabs have doubts about their age as they don't have birthdays but 26 would be considered old in Arab soccer.

Now let's have a look at each country individually.

KUWAIT

As usual, the Kuwaiti team will be extremely skilful in terms of ball sense. They are very fast players with the energy to run all day.

They are not physically strong — about 5ft 8 ins on average, with very lineal muscle definition.

They are invariably fair players. It takes great provocation for them to foul. Certainly they are not capable of the tactics displayed by Mexico in its two recent matches against the Soccerroos.

The Kuwaitis are prone to arguments among themselves but if they score first, the goal gives them an unbelievable lift. The first goal — particularly if it comes early — is vital to them.

Altarabulsi is a very acrobatic goalkeeper but does not like the physical challenge. He is not used to it, as such challenge is outlawed in Kuwait.

Star player of the team is the sweeper, Mabarak Juma. In the Arab Games he attacked a lot and scored a few goals with that tremendous shot of his.

Often the ball is slightly under-inflated, which causes it to dip and swerve, especially in the humid conditions. The pitch varies according to the time of day. It can become very slippery with evening dew, or very hard in the steaming, hot afternoon.

The Kuwaiti league system is well organised and each club has several thousand members. Although soccer is the national sport, these members have the choice with the club of a few other sports as well.

Each club has about four foreign coaches, assisted by one Kuwaiti. Two Englishmen among the foreign coaches are Dave Mackay (ex-Spurs) and the highly successful Graham Williams (ex WBA and Wales). There is strong emphasis on youth coaching.

The first team squads of the big clubs, like Gardafia, are professional in all but name, most having only token jobs that allow them ample time to train.

The Kuwaiti working day is

from 7 am to noon. Then there is a two hour "siesta" period, following which all men (women don't count) go to their sporting clubs.

The Kuwaiti national team has been coached successfully for the past five years or so by Brazilians. There is a great preference for the Brazilian game because of its emphasis on fine ball control.

Strong backing by the royal government enabled the Brazilians to throw out the aging super stars, like Fahit Kamil who scored against Australia in Sydney in 1977.

The rebuilding has resulted in the emergence of a powerful team which has grown up together, playing in all the major youth and army tournaments, as well as the regular senior tournaments.

They are full-time players, training every day.

During the build up to a major tournament, the league competition always is suspended so the players can go into camp.

Most of the players have working-class origins, and thus are urged on by the rich financial incentives offered to reach the World Cup finals.

Before taking the field, the Australians will have hospitality and courtesy lavished on them by the officials, so apart from the difficulties involved in trying to win, it will be an enjoyable visit.

Kuwait eliminated Iraq 0-0 and 3-2 in the Olympic qualifying series and reached the quarter-finals of the Olympic tournament in the USSR. Iraq also reached the quarter



Australia's Murray Barnes (left) is left behind by a Kuwaiti opponent in their 1977 World Cup match.

finals, after getting in as replacement for Iran which declined to go.

Iraq had sensational victories against East Germany, Sweden and Finland at home last year. In February of this year it drew 1-1 and then beat Poland 1-0 but Poland got revenge in June, with a 3-0 win. Iraq has been very successful in all Arab tournaments and has no doubt benefited from the decline of Iran due to that country's political problems.

The Iraqis could be likened to a European team, physically strong and very fit, thus capable of matching Australia in these departments.

Their major problem is that they are a relatively old team. Very little is known about Iraqi domestic soccer. The country is military-orientated and the players are all soldiers. This enables the national team to be together for long periods under their East European coaches, preparing for big matches.

They are a dour, well-drilled, efficient team — not as skilful as Kuwait but more self-disciplined. A quick goal against them does not affect the Iraqis greatly.

The team has a superstar in the George Best mould — Hassan Falah who usually wears No. 8. He is not very tall, but exceptional in the air nevertheless. He has a good shot from both feet and is lightning-fast over 10 metres.

The next most popular player is Ali Kadim, a forward-midfielder. His work rate is unbelievable.

I don't know the goalkeeper, Abdul Fatah, but he must be exceptional to have replaced his predecessor who was team captain and extremely safe without displaying the normal flashy acrobatics which the Arab goalkeepers are known for.

All Iraqis will be looking for revenge against Australia because Australia eliminated their team in 1973.

OUR WORLD CUP GROUPS

The Asian World Cup qualifying groups are:

GROUP ONE: Australia, New Zealand, Taiwan, Fiji, Indonesia.

GROUP TWO: Kuwait, Iran, Thailand, Malaysia, South Korea.

GROUP THREE: Iraq, Syria, Bahrain, Qatar, Saudi Arabia.

GROUP FOUR: Hong Kong, Macao, China, North Korea, Japan, Singapore.

Steve Darby for PSL?

Steve Darby has been one of the leading personalities in Tasmanian soccer as a coach and player with Devonport, but the Apple Isle may lose him soon.

Darby is undecided about his future. He has shown keen interest in perhaps joining a Philips League club.

Certainly he has the credentials. He is an English FA senior coach and holds

the teaching certificate in physical education from Carnegie College (UK) and a Bachelor of Education Honors Degree from Leeds University.

He played in England for Tranmere Rovers and Southport and in Bahrain for East Rifaa. In Bahrain he was also assistant to national coach Jack Mansell. Darby speaks French and Arabic apart from English — LAURIE SCHWAB



This week's picture has been submitted by M. Kekeviski of 173 Elmore Parade, Wallsend, NSW, 2287. It shows Graham Hays (centre) of Newcastle KB United shooting for goal against Edgeworth Eagles in a Cup match.

●The photo of the month for September was one taken by Peter van Lierop of 3 Bayswater Road, Moonah, Tasmania, 7009. His prize is a Canon LC4T calculator and he now is in the running for the Photo of the Year prize — a Canon AE-1 camera.

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Newcastle KB United entered the *Phillips League* as a newly founded club in 1978 after Mooroolbark United had gone broke and dropped out. Tooth and Co., which brews KB beer, backed the new club with \$100,000 and renewed its sponsorship only a few weeks ago. Newcastle hasn't won any honors in its first three PSL seasons, but has led the way in marketing the game and winning solid support. With the addition of at least two experienced English league players next season, coach Alan Vest hopes to finish in the top four. Newcastle has two inter-Socceroos — Arno Bertogna and Joe Senkalski, former Socceroos great Col Curran, international Peter Tredinnick, former England international Paul Reaney and former New Zealand international Roy Drinkwater and Phil Dando.

Standing, from left: Alan Vest (coach, former New Zealand international and WA State coach); Frank Campbell (trainer, ex-Oldham and Rochdale player); Phil Dando (from Brisbane Lions 1978); Paul Reaney (ex-Leeds, joined 1978); Arno Bertogna (from Azzurri, WA, 1979); Jim Preston (from Queen's Park, Scotland 1979); David Jones (from Macclesfield 1979); John Sneddon (from Wallend, 1977); Malcolm MacClements (from Adamstown 1979).
Front: David Kumaz (from Edgeworth, 1980); Roy Drinkwater (from Brisbane Lions, 1977); Graham Hoys (from Attlebridge, England, 1979); Paul Burrows (from Stewarts & Lloyds 1980); Joe Senkalski (from Sydney Olympic 1979); Col Curran (from Western Suburbs 1977); Peter Tredinnick (from Lake Macquarie 1979). Picture by LES SHOR-ROCK.


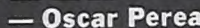
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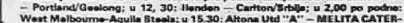
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